

## **Standards Committee Work Plan 2003-2004**

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### 2003-05 Objectives and Products:

1. Implement a schedule to carry out performance measurement in public health, on a continuous basis.

- Provide training before self-assessment or peer review.
- Self-assessment tool provided; scores self-reported
- Independent measurement conducted, statewide in 2005.
- Data report published, documenting change from baseline.

2. Include Administrative Capacities in the 2005 measurement of the Public Health System to gather baseline data regarding the administration of all public health sites. Field test the proposed Administrative Capacities in 2003-04 to determine suitability for inclusion in the performance measurement.

- Staff time and a committee to work with consultant.
- Consultation with a prosecuting attorney/contract attorney.
- Consultant to develop format for assessment of administrative performance based on previously developed set of capacities.
- Volunteer agencies and program.
- Use existing results from other audits if/as possible and monitoring results that already occur. Data base development to collate the results.

3. Establish a system-wide plan that addresses a high priority area identified by the results of Baseline study. Provide applied and experiential training aimed at improving system wide performance and documentation on future self-assessment and performance measurement processes.

- Plan and implement a QI Initiative: Training – practical tips to doing QI, not theoretical, training should include applications and real life experiences.
- Develop process and documentation templates.
- Conduct an evaluation of this implementation.

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Committee Co-Chairs: Tim McDonald, Island County Health Department  
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### Objectives and Products

1. Estimate costs of achieving Standards of Public Health, system wide. Link the work of both committees using a subgroup.

- A cost model related to Standards, relating cost drivers and other factors (i.e., size).
- Results from applying the cost model to a few locations.
- Identified key areas of increased investment, based on study of baseline findings.
- Estimates of costs for meeting the Standards, statewide.
- Recommendations for linking performance and funding at both state and local or regional levels.